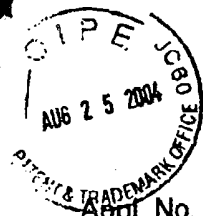


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 12, 2004,
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
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REMARKS

It is believed that the present Response does not necessitate the payment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17. If this is incorrect, however, please charge any fees due pursuant to the foregoing Rules to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

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